

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. FLEURY, et al.  
Serial No.: To be assigned  
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For: IMPROVED DEVICE FOR MEASURING PHYSICAL  
CHARACTERISTICS OF A POROUS SAMPLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 22, 1998

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for examination in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.